

IMAGES

THE REDEEMER COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

THE WAITING GAME

The College has a proposal before the government of Ontario at this time. It has been submitted to the Ontario Council of University Affairs, which is an advisory council to the Minister in charge of that area in Ottawa. This is a proposal that Redeemer College be allowed to award the Bachelor of Arts degree, the degree which the secular universities currently offer. The Roberts policy of 1964 was pushed through to limit the number of degree granting institutions in Ontario to the number currently in existence. An exception of sorts was made for the college in 1982 when we were granted a charter empowering us to give the Bachelor of Christian Studies Degree. College Administration decided to take matters one step further.

The Roberts policy is currently under consideration by the Ontario Government. According to Dr. Justin Cooper, College Vice-President (Academic), Redeemer is not assured of the new degree. The primary reason for the Roberts policy was to protect the financial interests of the provincial government. Most of the universities of today were born of religious perspective but have since become secular because they became dependant on provincial funding for daily operations. Ontario feels that Redeemer College may follow the lead of the others. While the College has promised the Ontario Government not to approach them for funds, the ministry of Colleges and Universities is still suspicious.

Another consideration on the

part of the ministry is the issue of Academic freedom. It feels that in a distinctly Christian institution, professors will never be truly free to pursue any area they like. The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada raised the same question and was quite satisfied on this matter during their visit in 1985.

A brief submitted by Redeemer College on July 31 of last year is indeed a complex document and it could be some time before the ministry makes a decision on the issue.

Graduates have good reason to be hopeful because if the change in degree granting status is given, their Bachelor of Christian Studies may be traded in for a Bachelor of Arts. Yes, the change will be retroactive to 1982!

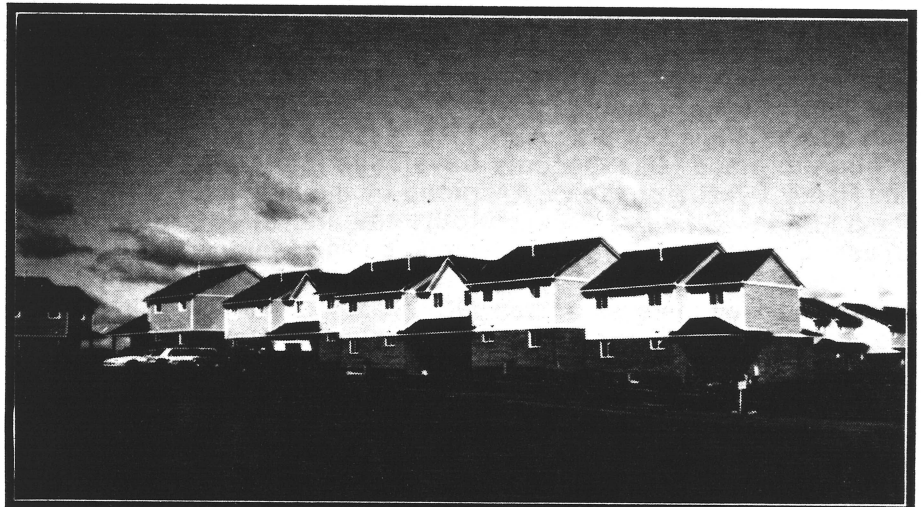
Please consider this matter in your personal prayers. A change in degree granting status will make us very competitive in the education market and hopefully be enough to offer students a bit better deal.

Helen Vreugdenhil

MORE RESIDENCES

Redeemer College plans to increase its student housing capacity by 27 percent this summer to accommodate the additional students who will wish to live on campus this fall. With the additional residences 336 students can be accommodated on campus.

College president, Rev. Henry R. De Bolster said, "As a result of the recent announcement that Ontario Student Assistance Program Grants will be made available to our students, the board expects a significant increase in the number of students living on campus. "These grants," he added, "have reduced the out of pocket expense to cover tuition and room and board to \$2,000 per student per year. Even the students who do not qualify for OSAP assistance need not be out



IMAGES

VOLUME 1, NUMBER 2. MAY / 1987

of pocket more than \$5,600 for tuition and room and board, as long as they submit their applications by June 15, 1987."

The cost of the new units that will accommodate an additional 72 students is estimated to be just over \$.6 million. If enrollment continues as expected the construction process will begin during the summer months.



ROYALS' FIRST SEASON IN O.C.A.A. COMPETITION

The athletic year has drawn to a close here at Redeemer College. Our final event of the year was the Christian High school Boys' and Girls' All-Star Volleyball games.

It has been an exciting year, due to our move into the new facilities and getting into the OCAA (Ontario College Athletic Association) athletically. The athletic team performances reflected the new and improved training facilities at their disposal. The women's soccer team came back from the OCAA championship tournament with the bronze medal. While the men's soccer team struggled without an experienced goalie, they still managed to play well enough to place Mike Oegema and Randy Dykstra on the OCAA west All-Star team. Cross-Country at Redeemer College is a young, developing sport. This year there were three women and one man who competed in the sport under the Royals' colours. Joyce VanGurp ended up first in her age category in the Niagara "Run for the

Grapes" and came 10th in the OCAA champion meet. We were pleased with the results and look forward to what the new Cross-Country season will bring.

This year the hockey team was the NCHL defending champion and it proved to be a difficult year for them. There were many new additions to the team; last year's leaders graduated and a coach left at the beginning of the season. The highlight of the season for many of the team members was the QUADS Tournament on March 28th held in Richmond Hill. Some of the best hockey of the year was played there and the team ended up 3rd in the standings.

The women's volleyball team developed into a strong cohesive group by the time the OCAA Tier II tournaments rolled around. The group qualified for the Tier II playoff tournament and in their first year of OCAA participation came in 5th out of 14 schools. Betty Dykerman, a power hitter from P.E.I., was selected by the league coaches as the Tier II OCAA all-star and was also named as a Tier II Playoff

Tournament All Star. The team graduated one senior and has 8 others of the 9 member travelling squad returning in the fall. The team will improve even more with the addition of some talented freshmen for the coming competitive season.

The men's and women's badminton teams have not only competed in the OCAA this year but also have entered Ontario Badminton Association tournaments. Performances are good and the coach feels that the team should really come into its own this coming season. At the QUADS tournament on March 28th, Joyce Mellema and the mixed doubles team of Henry Lammers and Pam Lagendoen won their respective divisions. Well done team.

In summary, our athletes have been successful, not only in the win/loss column but most importantly in their Christian witnessing to others through word, deed and support. As Athletic Director, I look forward to the 1987-88 season with excitement and anticipation.

Jane Devos-Kors

GRADUATION

On Saturday, May 2nd, the second annual ceremony for the conferring of degrees was held at the College. Graduates began the day with brunch and then sat back to enjoy a program hosted by Dr. Harry VanBelle.

About 600 people were in attendance when the ceremony began at 2:00 p.m. with the colourful academic procession.

After the opening and singing of the national anthem, the litany on "Faith, Discipleship and Truth" was read responsively. Dr. Barbara Pell, a former English professor at Redeemer, gave the graduation address entitled "His Truth Shall Make You Free". The litany and the address complimented each other in a very special way - both urging the graduates to continue on in the truth of Christ and to make an impact on the world with this truth. Jim Pot, representative of the 38 members of the class of '87, reflected on the past four years and examined who the class of '87

was and who they had become. The college had been their "querencia", or place to call home; not just a shelter, but also a place of preparation to serve in God's creation.

The class presented President DeBolster with a flag and announced that they had also purchased a pole in order to express the patriotism of the College. After the ceremony, most in attendance gathered outside to socialize and offer congratulations.

We wish all our graduates God's blessing as they look forward to new horizons in furthering their education or in budding careers.

Lorraine Ellsen



Class of 87

Stuart Admiral
Judy Bouwers
Sharon Dam
Corstian Devos
Robert Duiker
Denise Grootenboer
Sylvia Haverkamp
Jan Peter Hoekstra
Michael Hoekstra
Elaine Hofing
Jacqueline Huizenga
Wilma Jonkman
Robert Kloet
Trudy Kroesbergen
Ernie Langendoen
Joyce Mellema
Margaret Noordhof
Michael Oegema
Eunice Oldejans
Marvin Oldejans
Jim Pot
Lynn Rudy
Corina Rustenburg
Elizabeth Schinkel
Ray Sikkema
Don Stelpstra
Sharon Top
Debra VanNoord
Jacqueline VandenBrink
Sylvia VandenHazel
Annie VanderMey
Rita VanderSchaaf
Allen Vermeer
Karen Vermeer
Helen Vreugdenhil
Richard Wikkerink
Tim Wolfert



ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENTS

Redeemer College is very pleased with the efforts of its first graduating class. Both Seminary and Education students at Calvin have done very well. As for those who went on for continuing study at provincial universities, we are pleased to note that both Colin VanderPloeg and Sylvia De Jong have been accepted into the master's program in Religion at McMaster University and each have received scholarships and teaching assistantships. To all of the above, congratulations on a job well done!

As far as this year's graduates, we will again be sending students to the seminary and the education program at Calvin. We trust they will keep up the good work begun by the first graduates. Among the graduating students going on to further studies, Margaret Noordhof has been accepted directly into the graduate programs in Library Science at McGill University and the University of Alberta and will attend McGill. Helen Vreugdenhil has been accepted directly into a qualifying year at Queen's University for master's work in

History and directly into the M.A. program at the University of Chicago and at Boston University. We rejoice with these students and are grateful for the recognitions thus being accorded to our programs.

There will be several new faculty members coming to us for the 1987-88 academic year. Dr. Jacob Ellens from Northwestern College will teach History. Dr. D. John te Linde is an Experimental Psychologist, who has taught at Western University and worked for the city of Calgary, has accepted an appointment to our Psychology faculty. Dr. Jane Koustas joins our French faculty this year. Dr. David Koyzis, a recent Ph.D. from Notre Dame joins us as Assistant Professor of Political Science. Finally, Mr. Chris Teeuwsen joins our Music faculty for the coming year on a half-time basis, full-time in 1988-89.

We are grateful to the Lord for leading these fine academicians to us, joining our fine existing faculty.

James R. Payton
Academic Dean

SPRINGFEST '87

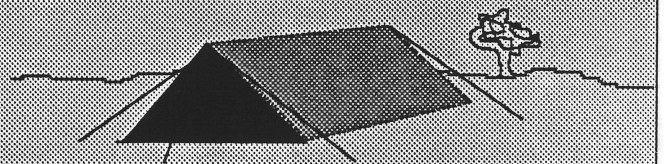
Although the weather was anything but Spring-like, Redeemer College's first annual Springfest still managed to draw a crowd of over 150 high school seniors on Saturday April 4th. The day began with registration and refreshments and was formally underway at 10:00 am when Rev. DeBolster opened with devotions and singing. Masters of Ceremony Elizabeth Schinkel and Ingrid Pypker kept the program moving and announced events. Morning entertainment included a Chemistry show by Dr. David Humphreys and performances by the Choir and a College pop band; "Maximum Entropy".

During lunch, the guests had the opportunity to meet with the prof in their discipline of interest to discuss courses and programs at the College. During the afternoon session, the College hosted a drama production; "Spreading the News" and a volleyball tournament.

All items considered, our first annual Springfest was a big success. Potential students had a chance to view the campus as well as experience a bit of what college life can be like. We look forward to next year!

Elna Grootnibbelink

***Lets go Camping at
Turkey Point Provincial Park
July 24 to 26***



Redeemer College Alumni Association

change of information form

NAME: _____

STREET: _____

TOWN: _____ PROVINCE/STATE: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

STUDY ADDRESS (IF ANY)

STREET: _____

TOWN: _____ PROVINCE/STATE: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

Years at Redeemer College 82/83____ 83/84____ 84/85____ 85/86____ 86/87____

Marital status Single _____ Married _____ spouse's name _____

Church Affiliation _____

Area of Study _____

Occupation _____

Comments / Suggestions
